

always a lot of resistance but I still think in looking around, having had some experience with this area, that this is an expenditure that is more questionable than others and Senator Haberman has given me a hard time for not voting for his amendment, but it just proves out that it's...if I was picking on ag, I would have easily voted for that to cut the budget for the promotion project that you didn't like, but I thought again that there is a valid place for promotion in trying to help sell our products overseas, but in the particular area of the ag promotion division over at the Department of Ag, there have been questions raised, cooperation between DED and the division, with the university and the division. And I know, and I've been working with them to try and work out these problems and so I want to commend them for some of the desire for dialogue. But nevertheless, you know I'm not here to cut out totally their funding which is what I was thinking about doing a couple of years ago. I'm suggesting we not give them more funding till we work out this question of how we cooperate. Remember some of you voted against my little bill to have the Department of Economic Development set up a promotion division and to try and work toward new markets in overseas foreign trade and we didn't want to do that. We didn't want to put in, I think it was \$200,000 for that, but here we are turning right around and we didn't want to do that, but now we're willing to give \$100,000 more to Department of Ag for the ag promotion which is exactly what we were talking about but again in an unstructured, uncoordinated fashion. I don't think you throw money at problems. I think you know what you're getting for your money and in this case I think we're throwing money at this particular thing and maybe it will stick and something good will happen and then again I don't know because, again, there's not a coordinated focused comprehensive effort to try and deal with this particular issue of foreign trade and promoting foreign markets. In addition the pseudorabies area, not an area of expertise, and I grant you that, and I'd recognize the expertise of Senator Dierks, but I was told that there was this amount of money and again it came from the department with their proposal last fall that they could cut \$478,000 and most of that is already cut in the budget; 100,000 is shifted over to the promotion division, another 256,000 is cut anyway, so I'm really only cutting another 121,000 out of there and that is exactly what they said they could live with or at least I thought that's what they said they could live with last fall. So I think there is good reason to recognize these cuts, that they will, in fact, save money in an area that I think won't do harm and I'd ask